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indonesian army closed down 3 secondary schools and declares that the 4 most populous residencial areas in Dili, the capital of East Timor, under curfew.

East Timorese sources, in Dili, said that the Indonesian army confronted with East Timorese students from 11th to 15th of the current month. They also said that during and after the confrontation approximately 50 students were arrested, among them Marques Soares 18 yrs and Cancio 19 yrs, several were badly injured, 3 secondary schools were closed down and four of the most populous residencial aereas, Bemory, Taibesse, Santa Cruz and Haudian, are under curfew. These incidents were triggered off when some East Timorese youths struk down the Indonesian flags and burnt them.

In meantime East Timorese students, also in Dili, claimed that 6 of their school-fellows, David da Conceicao, Carlos, Candido, Tomas Aquino, Sergio Fontura and Joao Lay, were Killed by the Indonesian army during the clashes and, 2 indonesian soldiers also died in consequence of gun shots fired by their own comrades.

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The students have also claimed that during the clashes some automatic rifles have gone missing, which is an ambarrassment for the Indonesian military commanders in East Timor.

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